CLAIMS:

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1. Device for recording and/or reproducing an optical record carrier (1), comprising:

an optical system for projecting a first, a second and a third optical beam at a first (11), a second (12) and a third spot (13) at the record carrier (1),

a first detection element (31.1) for generating a first primary position signal (D5) which is indicative for an amount of radiation reflected by the record carrier at said first spot(11),

a second detection element (31.2) for generating a second primary position signal (C) which is indicative for an amount of radiation reflected by the record carrier at said second spot (12),

a third detection element (31.3) for generating a third primary position signal (D1) which is indicative for an amount of radiation reflected by the record carrier at said third spot (13),

signal processing means (34.1, ...34.4; 35.1,...35.4) for generating a plurality of secondary position signals (S1, S2, S3, S4) in response to the primary position signals (D5, C, D1),

a selection element (36) for selecting one of the position signals (S1, S2, D1, S3, S4) as an output signal (WRE) in response to a selection signal (SEL), characterized in that,

the selection signal (SEL) is derived from the output signal (WRE) of the selection element (36).

- 2. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that, at least one secondary position signal is obtained by adding a constant value to a primary position signal.
- 3. Device according to claim 1, characterized by a lookuptable for deriving the selection signal (SEL) from the output signal (WRE).

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4. Device according to claim 1, characterized by computation means for deriving the selection signal (SEL) from the output signal (WRE).